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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/821,646	<b>Applicant(s)</b> WESINGER ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Patrick A. Darno	<b>Art Unit</b> 2163	

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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 21-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 21-41 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Continuation of Attachment(s) 3. Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08), Paper No(s)/Mail Date :02022006 and 04082004 and 11062006 and 06152005.

### DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-20 have been cancelled. Claims 21-41 are pending in this office action.

#### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 21-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 5,706,507 issued to Robert Jeffrey Schloss (hereinafter "Schloss").

#### **Claim 21:**

Schloss discloses a new method for allowing a user to post data about a category:

providing a web-accessible database modifiable by a user over a public network, said database including data entries posted by users of the database (*Schloss: Fig. 1, 7 and Fig. 2, 7 and column 3, lines 61-67 and column 4, lines 1-7*);

receiving a request from said user to update the category in which a web page owned by the user is indexed in said web-accessible database (*Schloss: column 6, lines 1-6; Note specifically that the client request submitted to the 'advisory-server' can be data in 'contrast' to that of the original rating of the web site. So, by submitting a request stating that the user's opinion of the site is different that the advisory server's opinion, the user is request an update to the category (characterization) of the web page.*);

allowing the user to change the category of said web page to a user-specified category (*Schloss: column 9, line 59 - column 10, line 3; Note specifically that, at the very least, the user can change between two user defined categories ('not considered offensive' and 'include in offensive').* );

allowing the user to provide a description of the new category (*Schloss: column 9, liens 46-49 and column 9, lines 59-61 and Fig. 11*); and

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automatically updating said web page, said category description, and data entries associated with said web page in said web-accessible database in said user-specified category (*Schloss: column 10, lines 2-3; When the user moves the web page to another category, the web page, category, and therefore the data entries are updated.*).

**Claim 22:**

Schloss discloses all the elements of claim 21, as noted above, and Schloss further discloses a method comprising the act of allowing the user to define a new category in said web-accessible database (*Schloss: column 9, lines 46-49 and column 9, lines 59-61 and column 9, line 5 – column 10, line 3 and Fig. 11*).

**Claim 23:**

Schloss discloses all the elements of claim 21, as noted above, and Schloss further discloses wherein said data entries include non-textual content (*Schloss: column 1, lines 34-35 and column 12, lines 50-51*).

**Claim 24:**

Schloss discloses all the elements of claim 23, as noted above, and Schloss further discloses wherein said non-textual content comprise graphics (*Schloss: column 1, lines 34-35 and column 12, lines 50-51*).

**Claim 25:**

Schloss discloses all the elements of claim 24, as noted above, and Schloss further comprising the act of allowing said user to index said selected entry in said on-line database with at least one user-defined keyword (*Schloss: column 6, lines 1-6*).

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**Claim 26:**

Schloss discloses all the elements of claim 25, as noted above, and Schloss further comprising the act of allowing said user to add a URL to said entry in said on-line database (*Schloss: column 5, lines 7-10 and column 9, lines 46-58; The advisory servers are identified by URL and the user can add advisory services to a list stored in a database.*).

**Claim 27:**

Schloss discloses claim 26, further comprising the act of said allowing user to add a hyperlink to said entry in said on-line database (*Schloss: column 4, lines 26-29 and column 5, lines 7-10 and column 9, lines 46-58; The advisory servers are identified by URL and the user can add advisory services to a list stored in a database. Furthermore, adding hyperlinks and URL to databases is well known in the art.*).

**Claim 28:**

Claim 28 is rejected under the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claim 21.

**Claim 29:**

Claim 29 is rejected under the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claim 22.

**Claim 30:**

Claim 30 is rejected under the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claim 23.

**Claim 31:**

Claim 31 is rejected under the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claim 24.

**Claim 32:**

Claim 32 is rejected under the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claim 25.

**Claim 33:**

Claim 33 is rejected under the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claim 26.

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**Claim 34:**

Claim 34 is rejected under the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claim 27.

**Claim 35:**

Claim 35 is rejected under the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claim 21.

**Claim 36:**

Claim 36 is rejected under the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claim 22.

**Claim 37:**

Claim 37 is rejected under the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claim 23.

**Claim 38:**

Claim 38 is rejected under the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claim 24.

**Claim 39:**

Claim 39 is rejected under the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claim 25.

**Claim 40:**

Claim 40 is rejected under the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claim 26.

**Claim 41:**

Claim 41 is rejected under the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claim 27.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patrick A. Darno whose telephone number is (571) 272-0788. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:30 pm.

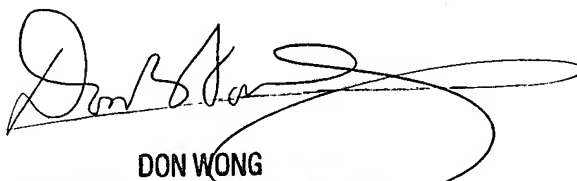
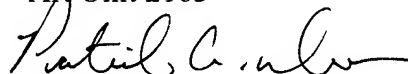
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on (571) 272-1834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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